

J.H.C. Mann Bridge
Spanning the Maury River
on State Route #631
East Lexington Vicinity
Rockbridge County
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Location: Spanning the Maury River on State Route #631, in the vicinity of East Lexington, Rockbridge County, Virginia

Date of Erection: 1912 (demolished ca. 1975)

Builder: Roanoke Bridge Company
Roanoke, Virginia

Use: Vehicular Bridge

Owner: Virginia Department of Highways & Transportation

Significance: The J.H.C. Mann Bridge was a pin-connected, Pratt camelback-truss that had a relatively long span for its date of construction (180'). As of 1974, it was the second longest truss span in this part of the state. The bridge was impressively sited high above the water on coursed masonry abutments.

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